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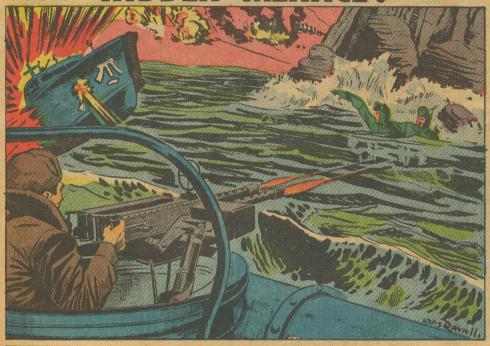


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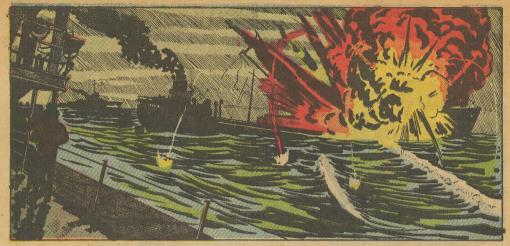
This is the story of the navy's undersea fighters, and of a recent engagement of the korean war, in which they took part. There was only a handful of men in Lieutenant blaine's underwater demo-LITION TEAM, BUT THEY DID THE WORK OF AN ARMY, FOREVER DESTROYING THE RED ENEMY'S---

HIDDEN MENACE!



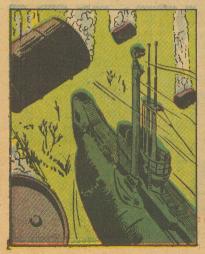


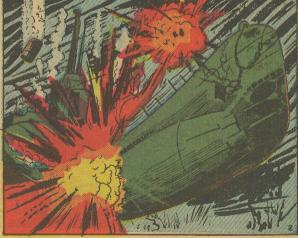
















6-2 19 INFORMED AND MAKES AN ON-THE-SPOT INVES-TIGATION, SENDING DIVERS DOWN TO PHOTOGR APH THE BLASTED SUB. SOME-TIME LATER. AT NAVAL HEADQUAR-TERS ...















MEANWHILE, ON A LONELY STRETCH OF JAPANESE COAST, THE UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAM ATTACHED TO THE AMERICAN FLEET IS ON BATTLE MANEUVERS...





















AT DAWN, LT. BLANE'S UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAM LOADS ABOARD THE SUBMARINE, SQUALUS II! LOADED WITH THEM--IS THE EQUIPMENT WHICH MAKES THEM-- DEATH TO THE ENEMY!





THE EQUIPMENT IS CAREFULLY STOWED AWAY. THE SUGGESS OF THEIR MISSION-THEIR VERY LIVES-DEPEND ON ITS PERFECT CONDITION. THEN, COMES THE CRY...











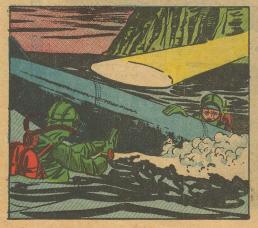




PLAYGROUND of DEATH!



AS THE REDS' SEARCHLIGHTS SWEEP SLOWLY TOWARD THEM, THE FROGMEN OPEN THE WATER BALLAST CHAMBERS OF THEIR HUGE MINES.



THE FROGMEN SUBMERGE, ALSO, HIDING FROM THE



LT. BLANE SIGNALS HIS MEN FORWARD!



THE FROGMEN SLIP THROUGH THE WATER LIKE SHARKS, SILENT, DEADLY SHADOWS, CLOSING IN FOR



THE ANTI-SUBMARINE NET, GUARDING THE CHANNEL, LOOMS AHEAD. "WATCH THE ALARM WIRES" SIGNALS THE LIEUTENANT. HIS ALERTED MEN MOVE IN WITH



THEY SNIP CAREFULLY AROUND THE ALARM SYSTEM, BENDING BACK THE SEVERED SECTION OF



THEY EXPAND THE HOLE, THEN HELP GUIDE THE LONG, DEATH-LADEN TORPEDOES THROUGH IT.



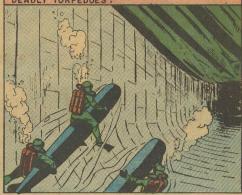
THE FIRST BARRIER HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY BRIDGED! LT. BLANE LEADS THE WAY TOWARD THE SUBMARINE PEN ...



Now, THE SUBMARINE PENS COME INTO VIEW. "GAREFUL", SIGNALS THE LIEUTENANT. "THIS IS THE DANGER SPOT."



THEY ENTER THE PENS, GLANCE TOWARD THE SURFACE, AND SEE SOMETHING THAT MAKES THEM GRIN AND PAT THE FAT SIDES OF THEIR DEADLY TORPEDOES!



THREE ENEMY SUBMARINES FLOAT SIDE BY SIDE, AND IN EACH FROGMAN'S MIND IS THE SINGLE THOUGHT, "WHAT A TARGET!" NOW LT. BLANE IS GOING TO SURFACE FOR A LOOK AROUND. HE MOTIONS FOR ONE OF HIS MEN TO FOLLOW HIM UP.



D'YOU THINK ANY-ONE'S ON BOARD?

THE CREWS ARE PROB-ABLY QUARTERED ASHORE.
THERE SHOULD BE GUARDS,
THOUGH:



THE FROGMEN SPLIT INTO THREE TEAMS, AND TENDERLY MANEUVER THE DEADLY MINES BENEATH THE BERTHED SUBMARINES...



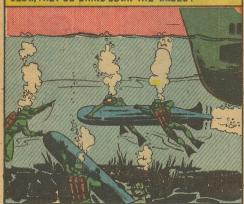
Now, LT. BLANE CONSULTS HIS WATCH. 0200, WITH TWO HOURS TO GO! THE TIMER ON THE MINEDETONATING DEVICES ARE SET FOR 0400--ON THE NOSE...



MAGNETIZED PLATES ON THE HUGE MINES TOUCH THE STEEL BOTTOMS OF THEIR TARGETS AND LOCK SECURELY IN PLACE...



THE REMAINING TWO MINES ARE MANEUVERED AGAINST THE SIDES OF THE TUNNEL. WHEN THEY BLOW, THEY'LL BRING DOWN THE WALLS!



LIEUTENANT BLANE MOTIONS THAT HE WANTS A LOOK AROUND BEFORE THEY PULL OUT, HIS MEN FOLLOW CLOSELY, AS HE LEADS THEM FURTHER



ONCE CLEAR
OF THE SUBMARINES,
AND DANGERDUSLY CLOSE
TO THE
LIGHTED
AREA PATROLLED BY THE
RED SENTRIES,
LT. BLANE
AND HIS MEN
SILENTLY
SURFACE...



I'LL BET THAT RED PAINTED DOOR OVER THERE, HAS THE SAME MEANING IN CHINESE THAT IT DOES IN ENGLISH: DANGER--HIGH EXPLOSIVES!

I NOTICED THAT. IF IT

IS A POWDER MAGAZINE,

IT WOULD BE SMART TO

MAKE SURE THAT IT GOES

OFF WITH THE REST!

IT WOULD SURE HELP

DEROOF THIS PLACE!



























WITH THE JOB COMPLETED, LT.



ONCE CLEAR OF THE SUBMARINE



DEATH ON RAZORBACK RIDGE!

Hank Mandell shivered as the chill of the Korean dawn bit through the thin army fatigues. This was his second day in Korea, and he didn't think he was going to like it. It smelled wrong. He was a Kentucky mountaineer through and through, and the smell of the mountains, that clear, fresh, cold smell, was what he needed in his lungs. The town the outfit occupied was a seaport, and smelled of salt and fish. Hank kicked dolefully at a pebble, thinking of how the mountains would be, back home in a few weeks, when the spring thaw brought life and color into the hills.

"UH .. TEH .. N .. SHUHH ..!" From far down the line of waiting replacements the command floated to where Hank slouched beside his pack and rifle. The men before him and behind him grumbled noisily as they snapped away halfsmoked cigarettes and crept back under their packs, easing the heavy weight gingerly onto their sore backs. The soldier in front of Hank was a short. skinny red-head whose toolarge helmet settled down around his ears. He blinked owlishly up at Mandell.

"Where yuh think they're takin' us?"

"I don't know, Red," Hank grinned. "But wherever we're goin', we better get a move on!" The long line of men had started to move forward at the moment Red had turned to talk to him, and now they had to run to catch up. The little guy slipped and would have fallen had not Hank shot out a huge hand to steady him. The soldiers were being loaded into trucks. "I wonder where they're takin' us," Red said again.

"You think maybe the mountains?" Hank asked hopefully.

The trucks jounced and jolted all day over the hot, rocky Korean roads, shaking the G.I.'s and making it impossible to sleep. Hank noticed with a kind of delighted excitement that the road over which they traveled led constantly to higher ground, and before long the smell of the sea was replaced with the drier, sweeter mountain tang.

It was shortly after noon that they heard it, a dull, booming rumble that echoed over the foothills and seemed to hit the soldiers right in the pits of their stomachs.

"Thunder?" Red asked.
"Cannon," Hank said.

At four o'clock that afternoon they disembarked from the trucks at a replacement depot right behind the lines. Hank's eyes drank in the sight of the mountains which loomed on every side of the little camp.

"Look," he said to Red.
"Look over there. See that
ridge? Spittin' image of Razorback Ridge, back home in
Kaintuck'! Man, that makes me
homesick! Best wild hog huntin' on Razorback Ridge you,
ever did see . . . "

Little Red pushed his helmet up from his eyes with a skinny hand and shivered as he peered through his thick eyeglasses at Razorback Ridge. It looked sheer and unclimbable, and he thought it ominous and dangerouslooking.

They were rushed up to plug a gap in the line early the next morning. Great shell-holes pockmarked the sides of the hills. When they passed their first wrecked tank there was a stir among the men. However they soon passed more tanks, and cannon and trucks, and soon a strange silence had fallen over the men, for every now and then the trucks would wheel by a crumpled, broken body, and the men began to realize that it was to war that they were being rushed. The thought of death chilled them, and they were occupied with thoughts of the people they had left behind them at home.

Hank and Red had worked together to dig their foxhole. The lieutenant came by, checking to see that they were dugin.

"We have information that says the gooks will attack this sector in about a half hour," he said. "So keep low, because they'll probably try to soften us up with a heavy artillery barrage!" He hurried away through the gloom.

The artillery opened up right on schedule, dropping explosive shells all around them. Hank and Red lay face down in the cool earth. Finally the barrage lessened, and then stopped. Hank peered over the edge of their forhole...

"Why, d'yuh know where we're at?" he exclaimed. We're on Razorback Ridge!" And so it was. But there was no more time to talk of landmarks, for in the early light they could see the thin line of Chinese soldiers moving toward them up the ridge. The gooks started to fire while still a distance away, and their bullets buzzed through

the air like so many bees.

Hank sighted over his M-1 rifle, his hands shaking a little. He was nervous. He had never killed a man before, and preparing to do so was different from getting ready to hunt squirrels.

lust then Red gave a muffled sigh. Hank looked at his buddy.

"What's the matter?" he asked. But Red did not answer. Hank shook him by the arm, and Red slid back into the foxhole, dead, the blood pouring from the round little hole in his forehead.

A mist seemed to appear before Hank's eves. Cold, icv rage took hold of him, and before he knew what he was doing he was out of his foxhole, running with great leaps toward the oncoming enemy. Just before he reached them he tripped on the rough ground and fell, a fact that probably saved his life, because a stream of lead from a deadly "burp" gun

whizzed over his head. He looked up to see that the gun was jammed. The Chinese gunner was banging away at the mechanism, trying to fire it again.

Bellowing, Hank leaped at him and jammed his bayonet deep between his ribs. It stuck when he tried to pull it out, so he fired it loose and started for the next gook. But suddenly he realized that he was no longer alone. Spurred on by his courage, the entire U.N. line had leaped from their foxholes and was charging into the enemy, firing as they ran, and slashing out with deadly bayonets once they had established contact!

Shouting and screaming as they ran, the American infantrymen turned the tide of the attack, running forward into enemy territory and killing the Chinese forces as they overtook them. Hank charged into another enemy replacement a short distance away and killed two North Koreans there. silently wreaking vengeance because he had lost a good friend.

It was only an hour later that the battle was over. The U.N. had gained four miles of North Korean territory, and the enemy attack had been turned into a fiasco. Hank dug himself a new foxhole on the advance line, and settled down to rest. All around him corpsmen were removing wounded and the rest of the boys were digging in.

The lieutenant came running up to him.

"So here you are!" he exclaimed. 'I saw it all. Man, vou were terrific! I'm recommending you for a citation. What's your name and serial number?"

Hank looked at him blankly and then grinned. He sniffed the crisp mountain air.

"Shucks, lieutenant," he drawled, "all I did was go huntin' on Razorback Ridge!"

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SIR, LIEUTENANT BLANE'S FROGMEN ARE STILL ON THE ISLAND! THEY'LL BE KILLED BY OUR ATTACK ON PEICHU ISLAND! LIEUTENANT, MY ORDERS WERE TO OPEN FIRE AT EXACTLY 0401— REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES!



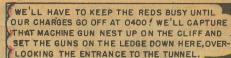
THEIR DISCOVERY COMES AS-A BLOW TO LT. BLANE. IT WILL BE ONE HOUR BEFORE THE CHARGES EXPLODE. THAT'S LONG ENOUGH FOR THE ENEMY TO FIND AND DE-ACTIVATE THEM!



THAT MUST BE PREVENTED, EVEN IF IT COSTS
THE LIFE OF EVERY MAN! BLANE MOTIONS HIS MEN
TOWARD SHORE...













LT. BLANE LEADS HIS MEN UP THE SHEER FACE OF THE CLIFF. ONCE, AS THE PROBING SPOTLIGHT ON THE PATROL BOAT SWEEPS THE SHORE ... [

















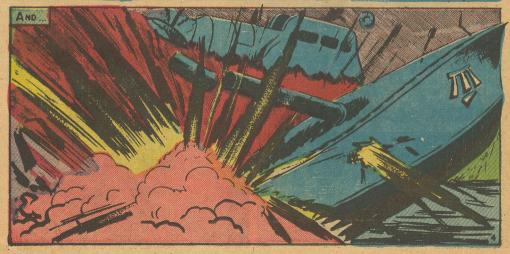












THE FROGMEN SWIFTLY DESCEND THE CLIFF AND WORK FRAN-TICALLY TO SET THE MACHINE **GUNS UP ON** THE LEDGE. THEY KNOW THAT WITHIN MINUTES THE REDS WILL LAUNCH AN ATTACK!

















THE NAVAL BOMBARDMENT LASTS FOR TWO HOURS. THEN, AT 0600, THE ASSAULT FORCE MOVES IN...









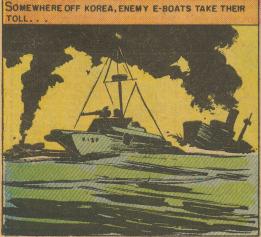
































WE HAVE LOCATED A NEST OF ENEMY

E-BOATS NEAR THE MANCHURIAN BORDER!









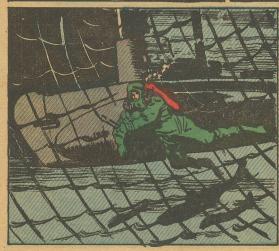






































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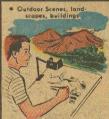
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